

Appendix 11 Requesting Nursing Home Rate Administrative Review Instructions

The Nursing Home Rate Administrative Review Request form is used to bring *major* problems about nursing home reimbursement to the attention of the Bureau of Health Care Financing (BHCF) Administrative Review Committee. To be considered an acceptable issue for administrative review, all attributes listed below must be adequately addressed. This will require those with a problem to adequately research the issue before transmittal. If more space is required, additional sheets can be submitted. Pertinent correspondence should accompany this transmittal. Nursing homes are expected to send information to their respective associations. The associations, in turn, complete the requested information and documentation as required below.

Following is a description of the attributes:

1. **Statement of Condition:** What is the problem? Outline the problem or state "what is going on."
2. **Criteria:** Why is it a problem? Indicate and cite federal and state statutory requirements or regulations, acceptable business or accounting practices that are being measured against, and provisions of the rate "Methods of Implementation" which are being interpreted.
3. **Cause:** What caused the problem? Cite specific examples.
4. **Effect:** What is the extent of the problem? Be specific. Simple statements without information necessary to determine validity or materiality are inadequate. For collective requests, indicate the number or list homes affected.
5. **Recommendation:** What is the recommended solution? This should be specific and, if possible, address what effect there is on Medicaid costs.

Procedure for Review

1. The BHCF Administrative Review Committee conducts the review, consulting with other members of the BHCF, when appropriate.
2. If a request or recommendation is denied, the rationale for that decision is given to the home.
3. If a rate adjustment is warranted, the regional auditor is notified and adjusts the rate and notifies the home.